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Road conditions rile area councillors

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

Pressure is mounting from local municipalities for safer highways with better winter maintenance.

U.K.-based company Carillion is in its second year of a 10-year \$11.9 million contract and is responsible for what is known as Huntsville district roadways including highways 118 and 35 in Haliburton County.

Before Carillion, the province had a six-year contract with Fowl-

er's Construction, which subcontracted some of the clearing to Carillon's Francis Thomas Contracting Ltd.

The difference between the job done by Francis Thomas and Carillion have left many upset.

Politicians in nearby municipalities, such as Huntsville mayor Claude Doughty, are angry about the way the roads have been maintained.

Huntsville council passed a resolution concerning road safety and issued a letter to the province.

Dysart council passed a similar resolution, outlining the same concerns.

"I've had more complaints about [Hwy.] 118 this year than I've ever had all the years I've been serving in municipal government. It started last year with complaints, but this year it's even worse," Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey said.

Fearrey has been in politics for more than 40 years.

Dysart's resolution calls this year's road maintenance "a very real and serious threat to public safety."

The municipality requested the premier "immediately restore the level of service" to its former level "before lives are lost needlessly."

The *Haliburton Echo* contacted Carillion, but was referred to the Ministry of Transportation.

MTO regional issues and media advisor Gordan Rennie said safety is always a concern for the ministry.

"Our winter maintenance standards have been developed based on extensive experience and are

see MPP page 11

Kennisis Lake cell tower proposal concerns neighbours

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

A cell tower being proposed by Rogers is not sitting well with some area residents.

Representatives of the Kennisis Lake Cottage Owners' Association raised some of their concerns with Dysart et al at the Jan. 27 council meeting.

The proposal includes building an 80-metre tower on the west side of Watts Road, on property owned by the Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve.

Rogers Communications has contracted the proposal out to Summit Telecom Services, which has received negative feedback on the project, according to municipal

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Creative collaboration

Fleming College glass-blowing student Pascal Roger of Ottawa adds a few strokes of crayon in the Musical Easels event in the great hall at the Haliburton campus on Wednesday, Jan. 22. Seven participants rotated clockwise around a circle of easels, collaborating on each other's piece for the duration of each song chosen at the music easel, finishing after the full rotation was completed. The Haliburton Student Association event encourages creativity using a variety of media. Students get the opportunity to showcase their work in an exhibition in April. More photos on page 5. **Darren Lum** Staff

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Water heroes

Lorry Brandon's Grade 5 class at J.D. Hodgson Elementary School was proud to accept the Water Hero honourable mention certificate from Haliburton-Muskoka-Kawartha Water Festival co-ordinator Irene Heaven, back row, far right, on Monday, Jan. 27. The school was the runner up to Lady Mackenzie Public School, which won the Big Splash Award for submitting the most water saving ideas from October to December. The JDHES class submitted one less and will hang the certificate in the front of the school.

Darren Lum
Staff

Snowmobiler charged with drunk driving

A 28-year-old Keswick man was charged with impaired driving on Jan. 26 when police stopped his snowmobile at Pinestone Resort outside of Haliburton.

The man was taken to the local OPP detachment and given a breath test.

He was charged with operating a vehicle with more than 80 milligrams of alcohol in 100 millilitres of blood, impaired driving and his driver's licence was suspended for 90 days.

The man will appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Minden on March 5. The police remind sledders that the rules of drinking and driving for automobiles also apply to snowmobiles.

Police find man hiding in car

Police charged a 19-year-old Haliburton man with possessing property obtained by crime and three counts of breaking his probation order.

On Jan. 25 around 2:30 a.m., police were called to deal with an "unwanted male party" at a property on Sunnyside Street in Haliburton. After searching the area, officers found the man hiding in a car. He was held for a bail hearing on Jan. 27 at the Ontario Court of Justice in Lindsay.

Drunk driver in Minden Hills

Police charged a 71-year-old man from Essa Township with drunk driving on Jan. 24 after stopping his car on Highway 35.

The man was arrested and taken to the OPP detachment and provided a breath sample. He was charged with operating a vehicle with more than 80 milligrams of alcohol in 100 millilitres of blood. His licence was suspended for 90 days and his vehicle impounded for seven days. He will appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Minden on March 5.

Open liquor at RIDE check

Two men were charged with having open alcohol in the car when they were stopped at a RIDE check on County Road 21 on Jan. 24.

The driver was 28-years-old and the passenger was 22, both from Minden Hills.

Disqualified driver arrested

A 46-year-old Algonquin Highlands man was charged with driving while disqualified when police caught him driving on Kushog Lake Road near Carnarvon Jan. 30.

Police say the man was also consuming alcohol.

The man's pickup truck was impounded for 45 days, his licence suspended for three days. He is scheduled to appear in court on March 5.

Safety primary concern for DeBruin in Yukon Quest

Haliburton's Hank DeBruin and 18 other mushers are tackling a shortened Yukon Quest International Sled Dog race because of poor trail conditions due to warmer temperatures.

A day before the race started, DeBruin's wife Tanya conveyed the sentiment of her husband and the other racers.

"The trail is still changing today and Eagle Summit is now in question if it can be safely run. Bottom line right now as Hank and some of the other mushers who are our friends feel 'Keep the race as true to form as you can but make it safe, not without challenges but also not impossible unsafe.' That is all we can ask of the trail crew," she wrote in an email.

Among the past changes included keeping racers on the Yukon River instead of the American Summit-Forty Mile River portion from the Eagle to Dawson City leg; moving the start off of the Chena River in Fairbanks, Alaska and the finish to Takhini Hot Springs 30 kilometres from downtown Whitehorse.

The 1,600-kilometre course was reduced by more than 100 kilometres and close to 20 hours.

Follow the team through the winterdancedogsledtours Facebook page.

Darren Lum

Two registered to run for council

Current Dysart Councillor Dennis Casey has added his name to the short list of those declared for the October 2014 municipal election. Casey tweeted on Jan. 31 that he would seek the deputy-reeve position.

Incumbent Ward 4 Councillor Susan Norcross was the first to register on Jan. 6. She will seek re-election to the same seat.

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Haliburton Lion campaigning for district position

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

With an election year upon us, David Mills is actively seeking votes.

A long-time member of the community and familiar face around town, Mills has no intention of running for municipal council.

Instead the 40-year Lions Club member is campaigning to become the second vice district governor of the organization's regional district.

Born in Toronto in 1940, Mills grew up in and around the city before graduating from York University and teacher's college.

A career educator, the 73-year-old taught for 35 years and spent 27 of those years as an elementary school principal.

He first became aware of what a Lions Club was in the 1970s, when his real estate agent at the time invited him out to a meeting in Uxbridge.

"He just came to me one day and said what are you doing tonight?" said Mills. "I said nothing in particular, so he says well come out to a meeting, we're going to try and start a Lions Club. I hadn't a clue what a Lions Club was."

Not only did he attend but Mills became a charter member of the Uxbridge club in 1974 and served on that club for more than 25 years, until joining the Haliburton chapter.

The Lions organization has appealed to him all these years because of its commitment to the communities they serve.

"You soon learn that Lions is the largest and most active service organization in the world; we have 1.4 million members all over the world," said Mills. "But the impact you can have on your own community and those in need is huge and at the same time you have fun and you meet new friends and get the chance to develop leadership skills."

With a family cottage on Kennisis Lake, Mills has been visiting the Highlands for most of his life, before he moved full-time to the county after retiring in the 1990s.

While he and his wife Betty planned to spend their retirement years as snowbirds, the pair soon realized that lifestyle didn't quite suit them.

"We have a blended family of seven children, 11 grandchildren and one great-grandson," he said. "We decided being away from the family was not our first choice and so we abandoned the snowbird idea, tore the cottage down and built a house."

The couple lived on the lake for 11 years before deciding to make the move into Haliburton Village, primarily due to their heavy volunteer involvement in local organizations, events and fundraisers.

"In the summertime we would sometimes be in town twice a day, it became insane," said Mills.

Currently serving as the secretary for the Haliburton club, Mills decided to expand his involvement with the organization and put his name in the running for the position of second vice district governor for the A-16 District.

The A-16 district is comprised of 51 clubs throughout the GTA, spanning from Oshawa to Haliburton to King City, covering a large geographical area.

Apart from Mills, only one other Lion in the district is vying for the position, a member from the Markham area.



Angelica Blenich Staff

Haliburton and District Lions Club member David Mills is on the campaign trail to become the second vice district governor for the regional club district. A Lion for the past 40 years, Mills is currently the local club's secretary and was a charter member of the Uxbridge club. The election is scheduled to take place this April in Oshawa.

Although they have yet to meet on the campaign trail, both men have been visiting regional clubs to deliver a speech on why they would be best suited for the position.

Clubs are awarded a certain number of votes based on their membership.

With an impressive volunteer resume that includes the Highlands Summer Festival, Arts Council-Haliburton Highlands, many local choirs and more, Mills is an example of a community-minded individual.

Mills's Lions duties have included helping with many barbecues, the upcoming Polar Bear challenge and the annual toll bridge, which is the local club's largest fundraiser.

"We have a lot of help in Haliburton, we couldn't do things we do like pond hockey without help," said Mills. "A lot of the stuff we do is physically demanding, like standing for six hours freezing serving hamburgers. You've got to keep your sense of humour."

He decided to pursue the district position based on the timing being right and the desire to grow as a Lion. The election will be held on April 13 in Oshawa.

"I'm basically at the point in my life, and in my Lion's life that I've got the time to do it ... and I just think that I have some skills to offer."

In the past 15 years Mills has assisted within the region in a variety of tasks, including cabinet secretary and has been awarded the Melvin Jones Fellowship and International President's Leadership Medal by his district.

If successful in his bid, Mills will likely serve a five-year term, which will culminate with him becoming the district governor.

Prior to that, the second vice position is responsible for overseeing committees, while training for the position of governor.

This summer Toronto will play host to the international Lions convention, with close to 30,000 members expected to attend, said Mills.

Harbouring the support of his family and the club, Mills is hopeful his efforts these past few months will not be for naught.

"A lot of the stuff we [Lions] do is physically demanding, like standing for six hours freezing serving hamburgers. You've got to keep your sense of humour."

— David Mills



The Melvin Jones Fellowship is awarded to Lions Club members who exemplify humanitarian services. Mills was honoured with the award in 2012 by the district.

MasterChef experience gives Rodden confidence

Jenn Watt
Editor

Five minutes can feel like an hour when you have three judges and several video cameras watching your every move.

On Monday's MasterChef Canada episode, Haliburton resident Vicky Rodden felt that pressure preparing a Mediterranean shrimp dish for the prime-time CTV program.

"The five minutes seemed like a lifetime ... All of the attention is on you," said Rodden after the show.

The Haliburton library assistant was part of the top 50 home chefs chosen from across Canada to compete.

By the end of the second show, 16 cooks remained — Rodden wasn't one of them.

"The experience was still wonderful. I would do it again,"

she said.

While her part took up less than a minute of airtime, she cooked in front of the judges for five minutes and was able to prepare her dish for an hour behind the scenes.

"As you're preparing there are all these cameras around you. It's constant," said Rodden.

When the hour's up, gigantic doors open — Rodden likens it to being Dorothy meeting the Wizard of Oz — and the contestant cooks for the judges.

"That's when it becomes even more stressful," she said.

"I think I was doing OK. At one point I cut my finger."

Production had to stop while she was bandaged up.

Despite the delay, Rodden was confident the judges would like her meal.

She said they consulted together for a while and ultimately told her that while they loved her, she wouldn't be going forward.

The experience was stressful for Rodden, but even harder on her husband Mark.

"He was a nervous wreck," she said.

"I loved him so much for caring so much about me. He really wanted me to succeed," she said.

Rodden said she'll continue watching the program and cheering on the friends she made during the six weeks of taping.

"Even now, as I watch the show and knowing what's going to happen I'm hoping for another outcome," she said.

The MasterChef experience has given Rodden more confidence, she said, and she continues to pursue other dreams including acting and cooking.

Most recently, she got a walk-on role in a new Canadian show called *Remedy* as a nurse.



Businesses score

Above, Luke Schell, owner and operator of The Photo Shop and Business Improvement Area (BIA) president, wears his jersey as part of Hockey Jersey Day for the Haliburton BIA to welcome the Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships and the premiere event for *There's Something in the Water* on Friday, Jan. 24. Downtown business employees and owners wore hockey jerseys to support the two events.

Left, Richard Wannan, Julie MacInnes, Nelly Ashworth and Laurie Johnson of Bank of Montreal in Haliburton sit before their "arena" wearing jerseys to participate in Hockey Jersey Day for the Haliburton BIA.

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Highlands East accepts proposal for Greens Mountain

Municipality hires Peterborough-based firm to create recreation management plan for area

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

Highlands East is moving forward on an initiative to turn Greens Mountain into a recreational playground.

At their Jan. 28 meeting, councillors accepted a recreation management proposal from DAC Inc., a company based out of Peterborough, said municipal clerk Irene Cook.

"They were selected based on the following criteria: quality, evaluation of plan, diversity of team, references and cost," wrote Cook in an email to the paper.

Greens Mountain consists of 2,000 acres of Crown land south of Gooderham.

The property has been controversial in the past with four-wheelers and non-motorized users both vying for usage.

On Oct. 31, 2013, the municipality circulated a draft request for proposals for the development of a recreation management plan for the area.

After receiving many bids, the munici-

pality conducted interviews with a selection of qualified candidates over a two-day span, said Cook.

"It's going to be a combination of local and non-local people working on this project," said the clerk. "There will be three public consultations to do with the plan hosted within the area. As the consultant takes over they'll organize, host it, collect the information and go from there."

The municipality is hoping to have something back from the company by July, according to Cook.

The successful bid will cost the municipality \$48,966, plus applicable taxes.

Council passed a resolution accepting the proposal and quote.



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Health services takes steps toward digitizing records

Jenn Watt
Editor

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the Jan. 30 meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services board.

A few years ago, emergency room doctor Greg Karaguesian had a patient with a severe back injury. The person needed to go to Toronto, but without an electronic records system that would communicate with outside doctors, Dr. Karaguesian had to get creative.

"I couldn't send this person to Toronto because they couldn't see the information ... so I had to put the disc in the front seat of a taxi. Not the patient - a disc - and send it to Toronto," Dr. Karaguesian told the board.

At their meeting Jan. 30, board members voted to take the first steps toward creating a digital information system for its facilities that will communicate with outside hospitals.

HHHS will partner with Lakeridge Health in a group of five hospital organizations to gather information on a new clinical information system.

Board chairman Len Logoar said it is time for HHHS to invest in this system.

"In order for us to be able to plug in to the outside community and provide the kind of service we need, we have to start somewhere," he said.

Currently, HHHS operates with paper files, which have to be physically retrieved and faxed when information needs to be sent to other facilities.

"Given that we're primarily a referring facil-

ity, none of our information that's on paper goes anywhere unless we photocopy, fax and the like," said HHHS CEO Varouj Eskedjian.

"That ability to transmit patient information wherever the patient is going - or coming here - that ability enhances a clinician's ability to care for that individual when they come through our doors or when they leave our doors," he said.

Logoar said he thought partnering with other hospitals on the system would ensure more reasonable prices.

The board agreed to engage in the request for information.

Second palliative care unit moving ahead

Eskedjian expects a second palliative care unit will be complete by the end of 2014, if all goes according to plan.

He told the board that HHHS has been allowed to conduct an abbreviated planning process, which means things will move more quickly than expected.

"It is anticipated that HHHS will complete the ministry planning process by the end of June 2014 and await a formal approval to go to tender," Eskedjian's presentation said.

The Haliburton hospital already has one dedicated palliative care bed, which is in almost constant use.

Board on track for budget

Despite staff sickness expenses beyond what was anticipated, HHHS's budget should

be balanced for year end, finance committee chairman Doug Gilpin said.

"It hasn't been easy," he told the board.

While HHHS had budgeted for \$207,000 for sick time, nine months into the fiscal year, \$330,000 had been spent.

Aside from sick time, chief financial officer Cathy Outram reminded the board that inflation and union negotiated pay increases have outpaced the province's one per cent budget increase.

Outram said management would be tracking sick time into 2014 to see whether last year's numbers were an anomaly or the new normal.

Vaccination rate hits 91%

HHHS staff were vaccinated against the flu this year in record numbers.

Ninety-one per cent of staff got the shot this year. Last year, the rate was between 67 and 70 per cent.

Eskedjian said better education was part of this year's success, along with rules that made it less appealing not to get vaccinated.

Staff who chose not to get the needle were required to wear masks and gowns.

In addition, Hyland Crest long-term-care home experienced several outbreaks last year, making it more appealing to get the shot this year.

Board prepares for integration

As of July 1, the HHHS board will amalgam-

ate with the board of Community Care Haliburton County as part of the integration process started by the Local Health Integration Network.

Three of 14 seats on the HHHS board are unfilled, nominating committee chairman Dale Robinson said.

The plan is to have Community Care board members take those three seats, one of which will be the vice-chairperson position.

Robinson said there should be at least three Community Care members on the board, but there could be more.

On Dec. 18, the LHIN board approved the plan for Haliburton County.

Aside from the merger of CCHC and HHHS, the plan also includes HHHS absorbing the adult day services and foot care from the Victoria Order of Nurses; some operational integration with Ross Memorial Hospital; HHHS taking over hospice services from SIRCH Community Services; and SIRCH launching a pilot project called Volunteer-Match.

VolunteerMatch will match incoming volunteers with services around the county looking for help.

LHIN funding comes in

Eskedjian reported that HHHS received \$379,000 from the Central East LHIN for various activities at the facilities.

Roof and elevator repairs, mental health and supportive housing, asbestos removal and education funding accounted for the one-time allotment.



Fleming College jewelry student Kirsti McMann of Arnprior paints, participating in the event.



Musical easels

Participants add their own personal touches to pieces in the Musical Easels event in the great hall at Haliburton campus on Wednesday, Jan. 22. Seven participants rotated clockwise around a circle of easels, collaborating on each other's piece for the duration of each song chosen at the music easel, finishing after the full rotation was completed. The Haliburton Student Association Fleming College event encouraged creativity using a variety of media. Students get the opportunity to showcase their work in an exhibition in April.

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Forever in our memories: Creighton Feir

Nature of technology

OBSTRUCTIVE CELL TOWERS are the necessary evil of the 21st century.

Unsightly and unnatural, the 80-metre flashing pillars can and do take away from the experience of wilderness.

They also provide a service residents and cottagers demand and emergency workers depend on when their patients are in need.

Residents on Kennisis Lake are the latest group to take on cellphone companies, arguing that an 80-metre tower will alter the environment and disturb people and animals.

For the past few weeks, emails have been flying back and forth between the association, the land-owner of the proposed tower's site, the communications company and Dysart et al trying to hammer out the best solution.

In this specific case, the Kennisis Lake Cottage Owners' Association says the tower is too large and is too close to the water.

Landowner Peter Schleifenbaum says cell reception in the area is so bad, some of those needing help can't call out to 911. He gave an example of a hunter who had a heart attack in Haliburton Forest and was unable to get reception on his phone.

Summit Telecom Services, working on behalf of Rogers Communications, says it will compromise.

The company is now considering a new site, a smaller tower (40 metres) and the popular pine tree disguise – called a “mono-pine” – which will make the pole look more like an over-achieving tree than a cell tower. (The company also says lighting should be much less prominent than in earlier tower designs.)



Jenn Watt
Editor

If the compromises come to pass, this would truly be a best-case scenario.

There is no disputing that cell towers are an aberration of the cottage experience.

Naturally, no one wants one of these grey giants near his or her residence, but in the end, someone is going to have to see it.

We can't stop the spread, or the enhancement, of cell service in Haliburton County and we shouldn't try to.

New technology is allowing more people than ever to spend longer periods in more remote areas.

Seasonal residents can now work from their docks and take phone calls from their cottages opening possibilities for telecommuting or even relocating.

And, most important, better cell reception means in an emergency help is closer.

It is already a long drive for emergency services to access properties as far away from town as Kennisis Lake – it takes even longer if those in need must find a landline to call from first.

It's not possible to have improved cell service without giving something up.

However, as time goes on, public pressure has led cell companies to improve technology and better accommodate aesthetic concerns.

Residents are right to demand the best tower location and most subtle infrastructure for their community.

And it appears, in this case, the company is listening.

While a tower may be a necessary evil, it doesn't necessarily have to look that way.



Winter shapes

photo by Darren Lum

Small town festival

SMALL TOWN LIVING in the Highlands is synonymous with enjoying nature and family good times. The good news is that there's a village event coming your way that is perfect for both of these.

Frost Fest is an initiative of the Municipality of Dysart et al taking place on Saturday, Feb. 15 at Head Lake Park. The Haliburton Village BIA is excited to promote and support this fun family winter happening. Start the day at the Legion with the Lions Club pancake breakfast and find out who will be crowned the Frost Fest Ambassador.

Would you like to try your hand at ice fishing with the Haliburton Highlands Outdoor Association or play broomball or disc golf on snowshoes? Perhaps horse-drawn wagon rides or pony rides are more your style. Then there's kids' dogsledding with Winterdance and, of course, skating on the lake and maple snow taffy. You won't want to miss the second annual Polar Bear Plunge. You can make a pledge and be part of this great fundraiser for the Sick Kids Hospital eye project.

These are just a few of the many family activities planned for Frost Fest.

Please visit www.frostfest.ca for a complete list, times and the festival map. And don't forget, when you've done all there is to do, you can cap off the day with a lasagna dinner at the Haliburton United Church.

One of the best things about Frost Fest is that, thanks to the many participants,

sponsors and volunteers, all events are absolutely free!

Thank you to the Municipality of Dysart et al and the Frost Fest Committee for all their great work. This is a wonderful opportunity to get out and get active with your family, friends and neighbours!

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Finally, one last reminder: the Haliburton Village BIA is holding its annual general meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 11 at 7 p.m. in the council chambers of the Municipality of Dysart et al.

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Gone with the wind

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If you doubt this, take a closer look at mine.

Wind is a fact of life during the ice fishing season, however, and there are two distinct strategies in dealing with it. The one you choose is generally determined by the number of times you were dropped on your head as a child.

The first strategy – avoiding the wind entirely – is for genius-types and therefore rarely practiced by the ice fishing fraternity. This can be done by setting up behind wind blocking topography, such as points, islands and huge friends. Consider yourself even more intelligent if you do this and fish from inside a heated ice hut – and smarter still if you simply remain at home and watch ice fishing on the outdoors channel.

The other strategy is for those people who were not well endowed with the gift of IQ – that being, ignore the wind and hope that the shivering you do will impart a special action to the lure you are jigging.

Needless to say, a friend and I started fishing this way last Wednesday afternoon in gale force winds.

My friend had towed along a portable ice hut that was huge – in hindsight, approximately the size of a para-sail. The wind prevented us for setting it up, however. And it messed up my hair.

So we shivered and jiggled for lake trout while the hut and accompanying heater remained in the sled, all cozy and warm.

Somewhere during hour three of a brain freeze marathon, my fishing buddy came up with a thought. He said, "Why don't we try to set up the portable ice hut?"

When a question like this is asked between heavy gusts of wind, you have to consider only one factor: whose hut is it?

If it's not yours, you say "Sure. Let's try."

Which is why I smiled and said, "Sure. Let's try."

My friend is new to ice fishing, so I'm not sure if he understood that in the mysterious language of ice anglers this translates to, "It's not my portable ice fishing hut, so don't expect me to go chasing it all over the lake when the wind picks it up and carries it off towards Oz."

Whether he understood or not, he just nodded and answered with: "You think the wind will carry it away?"

To which I replied with: "Absolutely not."

Every veteran ice angler knows that this means, "Are you kidding? It's going to get away on you, but at least watching you grab the guy lines and para-sail across the ice will be entertaining and perhaps even inspire a story that we can laugh about after the night terrors have finally stopped being an issue for you."

As you can see, my thoughts on the matter were fairly clear. So imagine my surprise to me when, a few minutes later, my friend seemed a little upset by the ensuing events.

I'm not sure why. He got to see a lot of the countryside and at no point did he gain enough altitude to be viewed as a threat on National Defence radar.

I think we can blame that on the fact that his wings iced up.

In any case, at times like this, it pays to reach out and be supportive to your ice fishing buddies. So I said, "Look on the bright side; your snowmobile suit can be dry-cleaned and, if not for those trees, you would have made a beautiful, textbook landing."

Despite this, the drive home was a quiet one – punctuated only by a little whimpering whenever a gust of wind buffeted the truck.

You know, I can hardly wait for the night terrors to end.



Steve Galea
Loon Tales



pic of the past

Remember this weather? Head Lake and the village from the Scenic Lookout, Haliburton. Submitted by Sharon Petrini. Do you have a photo of Haliburton's past? Bring it into the office at 146 Highland St. or email tara@haliburtonpress.com.

letters to the editor

Is it 'Ken-ees' or 'Ken-ee-sis'?

To the Editor,

Back in the late '50s and early '60s my family used to camp on an island on Kennisis lake. Dad would park at what we called the Landing, which is now the marina and take tents etc. up the lake to an island near what was called Catfish Bay.

After a couple or more trips in a cedar strip boat powered by a 10-horse Johnston we would camp and troll for lake trout for a week or so. Fishing was a great love of my parents' but I must admit as an early teen I could have been happier doing something else after a few days.

Anyway the point of this letter: My phonetic alphabet is not the greatest but we pronounced Kennisis "ken-ees" with a long "e" and a soft "s." Some friends of family have just purchased a cottage on Kennisis and they are pronouncing it "ken-ee-sis." I realize that local pronunciation of words/names change with the times such as "To-ron-to" and "Trawna" and that the name is of native origin, but does anyone have a take on this?

Just curious and thanks.

Bill McLeod
Bruce Peninsula

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Dysart gets rural grant boost in budget

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

A preliminary budget released by Dysart et al treasurer Barbara Swannell puts the municipality in a strong fiscal position for 2014.

The draft calculates total expenses for 2014 at \$11,223,261, while revenue is estimated to be the same.

If the draft is adopted, residents will see a three per cent tax increase in the municipal

levy. Last year taxes increased 5.5 per cent, according to Swannell.

"If you factor in the increase from the county and there's a decrease with the education portion, it's relatively comparable to last year," she said.

The largest expense in the draft budget is \$3,119,111 allotted to transportation, with almost \$1.5 million budgeted for construction and the same amount for maintenance.

More than \$1.1 million is being set aside for police expenses, which is about 10 per

cent higher than last year's total cost of \$1,044,030.

The increase is primarily due to the OPP coming out of a two-year pay freeze, which gives officers an 8.55 per cent increase.

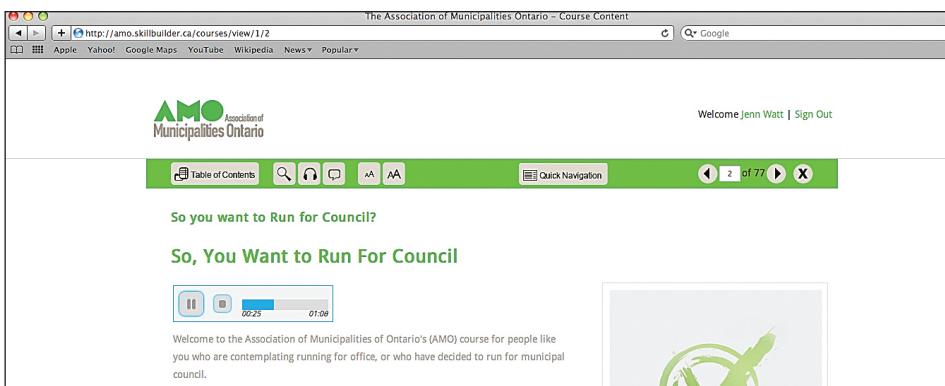
However the 2014 budget does not factor in the proposed new billing model, which could see Dysart's policing costs rise to \$369 per household, totalling an annual increase of \$1.6 million.

The proposed model, if adopted, is not slated to come into effect until 2015, said Swannell.

This year the municipality qualified for the Northern and Rural Fiscal Circumstances grant, which contributed an additional \$371,000.

"You also have to consider that the OMPF [Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund] payment also dropped by \$96,000, so the net increase is \$277,000," said the treasurer.

The rural grant is a new component of OMPF and is to be used for the general operations of the municipality, said Swannell.



The Association of Municipalities of Ontario created an online course for those interested in running for council called "So, You Want to Run for Council."

Resources available for the council curious

Jenn Watt
Editor

Municipal council may technically involve part-time hours, but it is a full-time commitment - private life becomes public, ideas clash and constituent calls come in at all hours of the day or night.

But it can also be rewarding, invigorating and educational.

The Association of Municipalities of Ontario has developed a new online training tool to educate potential councillors about the pitfalls, challenges and benefits of serving on council.

"We do training once people are elected and it struck us that there are times people say, 'gee, I didn't know that or I wish I'd known that,'" said AMO executive director Pat Vanini.

Through interviews with current councillors, AMO assessed what information was missing from most candidates' knowledge base and created quick course, which costs \$25 to take.

"We launched it just before Christmas and right now we've had about 100 people who have looked at the course," said Vanini.

Dysart et al clerk Cheryl Coulson took the course and said the information was valuable for anyone considering running for office.

"It's a good course because ... it emphasizes the time commitments and that your life isn't your own anymore," she said.

Those seeking office in the 2014 municipal election were able to file their papers as of Jan. 2, although the election isn't until Oct. 27. (All candidates must be registered as of Sept. 12.)

Incumbent Councillor Susan Norcross of Ward 4 was first to file.

While Norcross knew she had plenty of time to register for the election, she said she signed up Jan. 6 because she was sure she wanted to continue with the position for another four years.

"There was never any doubt that I would want to run again," she said.

The idea of an online course to prepare candidates for the road ahead is a good one, Norcross said.

It takes time to get used to all of the committee work and processes associated with the job, she said.

"It's time consuming and it can be demanding," she said.

Along with confronting misconceptions about being a councillor, the online course also covers how to deal with the media, how to file a nomination form, what authority municipal councillors have versus federal and provincial representatives and includes quizzes and journaling opportunities to cement new knowledge.

To find out more about the course, go to amo.on.ca.

To run for office, contact the local municipal office for information.

OPP costs, infrastructure funding top list for EOWC

Jenn Watt
Editor

Rising policing costs and unreliable infrastructure money are among the most pressing challenges for the region, according to members of the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus.

Each year, the group of wardens comes together to set priorities.

In 2014, those include implementing a new economic development strategy; releasing research on key issues; and finding solutions to expensive police bills.

OPP costs are among Haliburton County Warden Dave Burton's biggest worries for taxpayers; the province is proposing a new model that would increase costs to all four of the county's lower-tier municipalities.

"The police cost - I've taken issue with what they have done [in the new model]," said Burton.

In Highlands East, for example, the cost per household for policing is set to hit \$369 a year by 2015, up from the current \$134 per household now.

This year's chairman of the caucus, Jean Paul St. Pierre, said he hopes the group can propose better solutions to the province that will be easier on taxpayers.

"The OPP have done a lot of work and have provided a new model for municipalities and a lot of municipalities are not happy with the model. They haven't cut the costs and they haven't cut the services. They've just moved the money around," said St. Pierre.

He suggested "outside of the box" thinking, including examining an eastern Ontario police force and negotiating police contracts for the whole region.

Burton said he was open to those types of discussions, but emphasized Haliburton

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[W]e feel that there should be a stable financial [figure] that every municipality can count on ...

— Jean Paul St. Pierre
Chairman, Eastern Ontario
Wardens' Caucus

County had a good relationship with the local OPP.

"I think we have to look at all options that could be out there," he said.

The EOWC will also push for sustainable, reliable infrastructure funding from the province, St. Pierre said.

Currently, large projects are funded by grants applied for by individual municipalities. The EOWC would like to see consistency, which would help with budgets and planning.

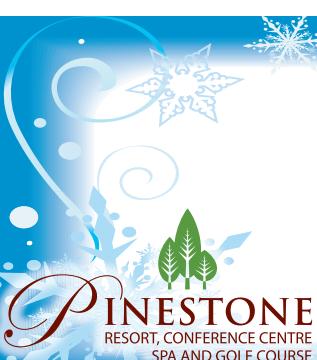
"Sometimes they [the provincial government] come up with some grants and every municipality applies for that grant. Sometimes we get them and sometimes we don't. And we feel that there should be a stable financial [figure] that every municipality can count on and we shouldn't have to apply for it every time," he said.

It's the perennial problem of being asked to do more with less money, said Burton.

"We have so much to do. We're trying to do it with less and less [money] and do more and more. It's not working. Every day we're getting behind," he said.

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Alternate location, 'mono-pine' considered for tower

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planner Pat Martin's staff report.

"The most recent email from the company, dated Jan. 13, indicates that they are considering a mono-pine structure. This option appears to be more acceptable to many lake residents," wrote Martin in her report. "The proponent may also consider alternative sites. If so, they will circulate a new proposal for public comment."

A vast number of emails have been submitted to both the municipality and Summit Telecom Services opposing the proposal.

"Please, please, please reconsider the location of putting such an enormous tower on such a beautiful lake," wrote Pamela Wiktorski in an email to the municipality.

Other correspondence from area residents expressed outrage at the proposed tower site, citing clashes with the current lake plan in place.

Many of the comments received included concern about the proposed tower's proximity to the shoreline, the damage to the surrounding natural environment and the height of the tower.

KLCOA president Tony Lepine submitted a letter to Sum-

mit Telecom Services and property owner Peter Schleifenbaum on behalf of the association, strongly requesting them to reconsider the proposal.

Schleifenbaum responded to Lapine's letter, stating in his discussions with seasonal and full-time residents around Kennisis Lake he has heard support for this communications tower project.

"But the main reason, why I fully support the establishment of the proposed tower and why many of your members are also in favour, was not mentioned with one word in your objection: SAFETY," wrote Schleifenbaum.

The property owner goes on to explain that in late October of last year, a hunter had a heart attack while at Haliburton Forest and passed away. With no cellphone reception available, contact with ambulance services or the Forest's main office was impossible, according to Schleifenbaum.

"With proper instructions and a quick ambulance response, that hunter could still be with us today," he wrote.

"Nobody likes red lights along the skyline and a fleeting shadow of a communications tower in their cottage view. But when you put into perspective and weighed against the saving of lives to which this proposed tower will contribute, your objection is feeble, at best."

KLCOA members Terry O'Connor and Keith Rodd told council they understand the safety concerns of not having cell reception, but thought there could be a compromise.

"There's always going to be objections," said Reeve Murray Fearrey. "It's a tough spot for your association to be in."

According to O'Connor, Summit Telecom Services has suggested a lower tower disguised as a pine tree, which would get rid of the flashing lights.

Rodd questioned whether a lower tower would service the same area as the original proposal, which Fearrey said he would firm up.

In an email to municipal planner Pat Martin, Summit Telecom Services representative Sean Ogilvie said he believed Rogers was opening up to the idea of having the mono-pine as opposed to the 80-metre lattice structure.

"If that is to be the case I think we will re-apply and maybe even re-do the notification with the new plan," he wrote.

Ogilvie said he would be notifying those who expressed concerns about the proposal about the tentative changes.

Council agreed to pursue discussions with Summit Telecom Services, on behalf of Rogers, about alternate locations and/or feasibility and implications of using a mono-pine structure for the tower.

Tourism companion app developed for Land Between region

Jenn Watt
Editor

Haliburton's challenge isn't attracting people to the area, it's about getting them to behave more like tourists, says Land Between CEO Leora Berman.

Her organization, which champions the geographic and cultural region where the Canadian Shield meets the St. Lawrence Lowlands, recently developed an app for iPhone and iPad aimed at making visitors into tourists.

"The research shows that Haliburton has more visitors from the GTA than anywhere across the Land Between, but with the least spending. So they don't participate in tourism. They come to the cottage and stay at the cottage," said Berman.

The Land Between app brings together a user's geographic location and pairs it with maps, videos and information about attractions worth visiting. Haliburton County is about to get 20 more locations on the app.

"If you're sitting in a café, The Land Between app will tell you what is nearby to see. Once you get there it will unlock media to interpret what you're seeing. So, it's a medium to increase the visitor's participation in tourism and increase spending," she said.

The Land Between partnered with Ontario's Highlands Tourism Organization on the project. OHTO has its own app featuring commercial locations in the region.

"It's in a medium that most of the GTA visitors are comfortable with. It's a virtual tour guide, so it takes you to all

the cultural and natural amenities across the region and then the OHTO app takes you to all the commercial amenities. So they complement one another," Berman said.

Included in the next 20 locations to be added are the Haliburton Sculpture Forest, the Minden Hills Cultural Centre, Snowdon Park, the Dorset Lookout, the Minden Wildwater Preserve and Wilberforce's mineral sites.

"Wilberforce has always been one of the most popular collecting destinations. A lot of the collecting happens in Wilberforce and Tory Hill," said OHTO's recreational geology facilitator Michael Bainbridge.

Visitors to Wilberforce will be prompted to visit the township office to get more information on finding good dig sites.

Along with OHTO, The Land Between also has partnership with Haliburton County Development Corporation, Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve, Ontario Parks and Parks Canada.

The project cost about \$300,000, said Berman, with another \$60,000 needed to bring the app to Android devices.

It is free to download from the app store with iPhone and iPad.

Additionally, The Land Between will be conducting a survey of visitors using postcards, with information to be shared among the partner organizations.

"The postcard is going to be distributed in the hopes of reaching a broad visitorship base and ask them where they are coming from and what are they spending," said Bainbridge.



Leora Berman demonstrates the Land Between app, which heavily features Haliburton area attractions. The app is free for iPhone and iPad users. Submitted

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MPP encourages councils to voice concerns

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consistent with the best practices of highway authorities in North America. While our contract requirements and models have changed over the years, our standards have not. Highway 11 and Highway 400 through Muskoka are maintained to a Class 1 level – the highest in Ontario," he wrote in an email.

Carillion Canada hires skilled local people who are well "trained, knowledgeable and experienced," he said.

The ministry confirmed Carillion is using one combination plow/spreader to maintain Highway 118 from five kilometres west of Anson Creek in the west to Loon Lake in east and one truck to maintain Highway 35 from the boundary with the City of Kawartha Lakes to three-and-a-half kilometres south of Carnarvon.

Last year, Rennie told the *Minden Times*, "Carillion's fleet of combination units have a larger capacity for salt and sand than previous equipment, allowing them to travel farther between refilling stops. As well, the unit with the tow plow can service more than one lane at a time. In addition, the plow circuit routes serviced by this equipment are shorter than in previous winters as the contractor has modified the routes between other patrol yards."

Fearrey thought part of the problem is they're coming from too far to service areas such as Dover's Hill. Hearing complaints and driving the roads he wonders if the company is meeting standards regardless of the MTO assurances.

"Minimum standards appear to me to be less on the highways than they are on the county roads. I can't figure it out," he said.

Rennie said all area maintenance contracts define operational requirements, which include monitoring weather and road conditions, in order to respond in a timely manner to winter events.

Within 30 minutes of the "arrival of a storm event," he said, contractors are required to start spreading sand or salt and deploying plows when there is two centimetres of snow or slush and continue these operations until the standards are met.

Highways are divided into five different classes for winter maintenance based on traffic volumes established through counts conducted every two years.

The two-lane Highway 118 falls within Class 3, which is 24 hours to bare pavement and a frequency rate of 3.3 hours.

Although Haliburton County Warden Dave Burton has received only a handful of complaints regarding Hwy. 118 in Highlands East where he is reeve, he is considering passing a similar resolution if more complaints come from county council.

Many of the complaints have come over the course of the past few weeks.

Rennie said weather has delayed plowing to bare pavement.

"Weather events over the last few weeks have been characterized by significant snowfall amounts with extremely low temperatures. Despite the best efforts of the contractor, these conditions can be extremely challenging and may delay the return to bare pavement," he said.

Doughty sees it differently, pointing to the



Darren Lum Staff

Highway 35 and other highways being maintained by U.K.-based Carillion are facing complaints this past winter for winter maintenance, prompting resolutions to be passed by Huntsville and Dysart councils. Safety concerns have been raised despite the Ministry of Transportation's assurances.

work of previous contractors.

"The plain and simple truth is that the way the roads were maintained in Huntsville and Muskoka up to two years was the same standard we want today," he said.

If standards need to be changed to reflect that then so be it, he said.

Rennie stressed the MTO regularly monitors and reviews winter maintenance operations to ensure "high standards" are met.

Reviews include deployment of plows and spreaders; conducted operations; anti-icing in advance of a storm (if possible); documentation and information recorded by the contractor, including driver behaviour, weather information and highway layout.

"When a review finds that a contractor hasn't met the standards, we obtain additional information to determine if there are circumstances beyond the contractor's control. Financial consequences can be assessed if the contractor did not conform to the contract. While individual payment issues cannot be disclosed publicly, they are administered according to the contract documents," he said.

Doughty is optimistic Premier Kathleen Wynne will listen to his pleas for change. He met her during the summer and said she was responsive.

"I found her receptive and open to other issues we were addressing at the time. I would hope that she will continue that method of working with the municipalities and will extend me the opportunity to meet with her," he said.

Dysart's director of public works Brian Nicholson reminds the public to match their expectations with reality.

"I do hear the complaints, but I hear complaints about our roads as well. You've got to put it into perspective. What is the timing like?" he said, referring to when complaints are made.

Nicholson reminds the public that the criteria outlined in the agreement is what the company must adhere to, no matter what the public's expectations.

"If they have bid their jobs based on minimum maintenance standards, if that was the criteria the MTO put out, then you can't blame them," he said.

If the previously contracted companies provided more than the standard then the public was treated to a higher level of service. This is the main issue, he said.

Nicholson and Rennie said some of the onus falls to the driver, who should be prepared for road conditions and weather. Winter tires are a must and driving according to the conditions is imperative.

Rennie adds checking for the weather and travel conditions before heading out is helpful. See Ontario.ca/511 for road conditions.

He provided the mantra: Stay alert, slow down and stay in control.

MPP Laurie Scott, who has communicated her concern to Carillion, has also received complaints like last year and is frustrated by the maintenance of the roads.

"There's no question the roads aren't maintained like they used to be," she said. "I

get behind some of these [trucks]. It is different. They're tandem trucks now so you don't see as many."

There have been complaints raised during question period at Queen's Park, she said.

The issue is not getting to the attention of the MTO and is falling on "deaf ears," she said.

Scott still wants people to voice their concerns.

"We should expect better and we should get better roads for safety's sake. Yeah, [Carillion] might be following minimum standards, [but] they could be doing a better job," she said.

She said there are fewer complaints this year than last, but wonders if the public has given up.

Scott implores more municipalities to speak up.

"I'd like them to pass resolutions. I think it comes better from a municipal council," she said.

Fearrey just wishes safety was the main concern instead of standards and if standards need to be changed for safer roads then a move should be made to do that.

He recognizes this is a provincial contract, but believes if more municipalities band together then it could affect change.

"It seems to me that rural Ontario is taking quite a kicking lately. I don't know whether they'll pay any attention or not. That doesn't mean you don't try," he said.

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Scotty Morrison tournament kicks off with tales

Jenn Watt
Editor

Another weekend for hockey-hungry Haliburton kicked off Friday with Scotty's Charity Cocktail Party, part of the weekend-long hockey tournament to benefit Community Care.

Complete with big-ticket auction items, delicate hors d'oeuvres and NHL guests, the party started what has become a staple of the Highlands' winter schedule: the Scotty Morrison Charity Hockey Tournament.

Keynote speaker, former NHL linesman Ray Scapinello, delighted the audience at the Haliburton Legion Jan. 31 with stories from his 33 years officiating.

"If by the age of 18 you haven't been drafted you can play junior hockey until you're 20 and pretty well your hockey career is over and I was certainly no exception to that," said Scapinello, who was more than happy to poke fun at himself in the name of entertainment.

"Over my 33 year career, I officiated 2,508 games, which is a record, 426 playoff games, which is a record, and I was the oldest retiring at age 59, which is a record and I was certainly the shortest," he said, referring to his

five-foot-seven stature.

Haliburton resident, former NHL referee, former president of the Hockey Hall of Fame and the tournament's namesake, Scotty Morrison joked with his longtime friend and colleague as they reminisced for the audience.

The tournament, which was in its sixth year, has raised \$138,000 for Community Care, an organization close to Morrison's and Scapinello's hearts.

"We have a slogan that says 'people helping people' and that's what this whole program is all about," said Morrison.

"My mom and my dad were recipients of Community Care. You don't know how important Community Care is until you need them," Scapinello said. David Branch was scheduled to speak, but cancelled due to illness.

Retired NHL referee and former president of the Hockey Hall of Fame Scotty Morrison speaks to the audience gathered at the cocktail party on Jan. 31 at the Haliburton Legion. The evening's guest speaker, Ray Scapinello, right, chuckles at a light-hearted joke at his expense.

The evening was part of the Scotty Morrison Charity Hockey Tournament for Community Care Haliburton County.



Red Hawks take on Redmen for charity

Walter Tose
Special to the Echo

A highlight of the Scotty Morrison Charity Hockey Tournament was the second annual HHSS Alumni Exhibition Game on Saturday evening, played between the veteran HHSS Redmen coached by current high school head coach Ron Yake, and the younger generation HHSS Red Hawks, coached by longtime HHSS coach Bruce Griffith.

What an incredible show these young men put on, rushing from end to end with finesse and outstanding play making - a true demonstration of why the high school hockey program here in Haliburton has been so successful year in and year out. The game ended in a 1-1 tie after some sensational saves made by goaltenders Andy Dawson, Ian Sachs and Paddy Manuge.

In the overtime shootout, Joel Cooper, nephew of Bernie Nichols, puts away the winner for the Redmen. There MUST indeed be something in the water!



Chad Ingram Staff

The crowd looks on during the HHSS alumni game at the Scotty Morrison Charity Hockey Tournament on Feb. 1. The Redmen beat the Red Hawks 2-1.

Left, players in the HHSS alumni game are introduced before faceoff during the Scotty Morrison Charity Tournament on Feb. 1.

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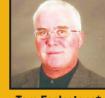
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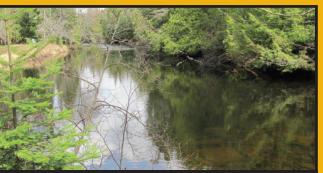
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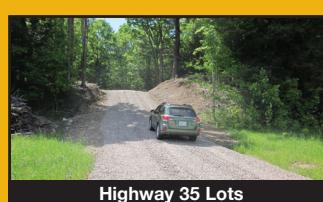
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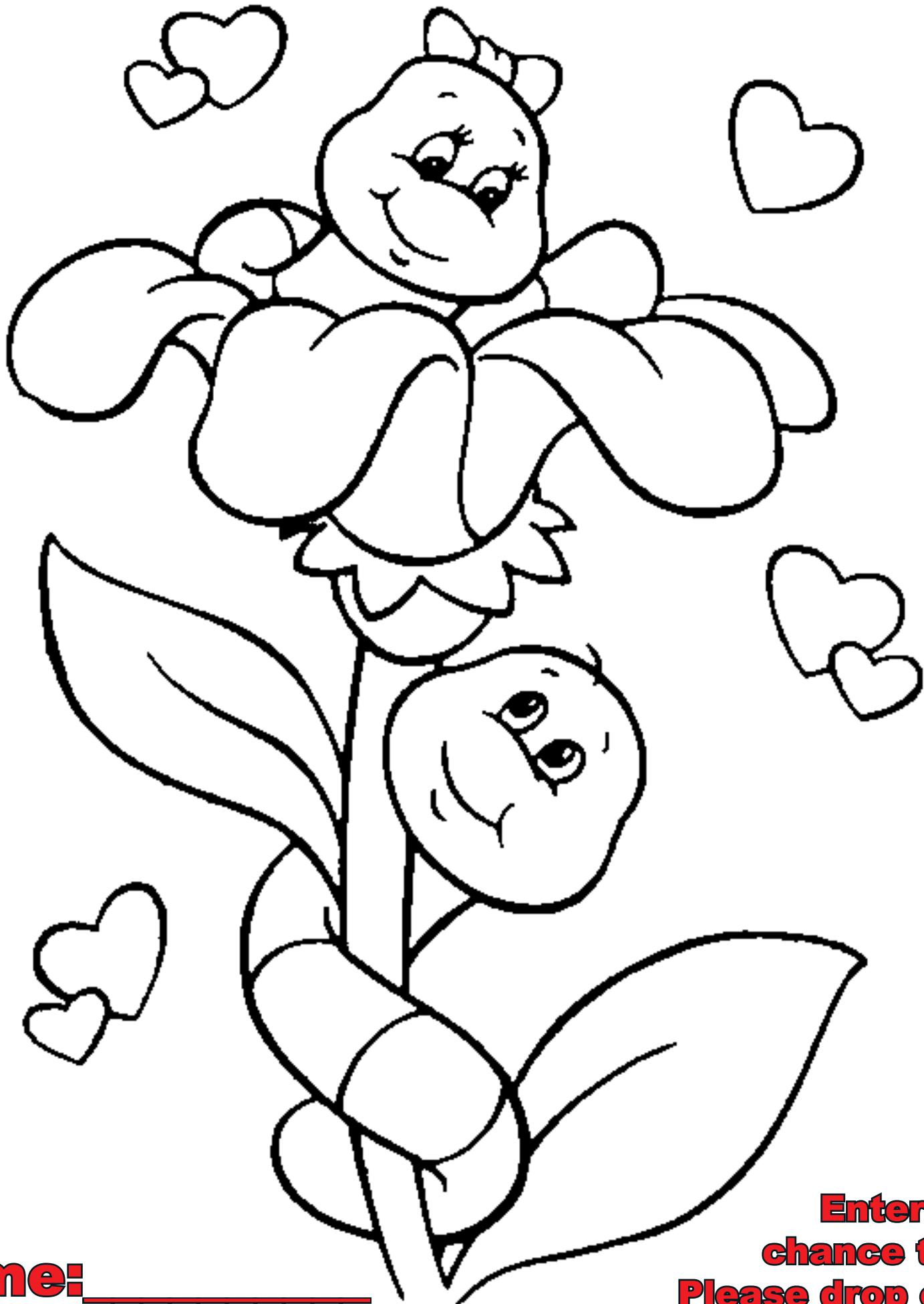
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Team Walker announces arrival at Tankard

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

A first year rink wasn't supposed to go so far.

No one told Team Walker that, as they won four games in a row to make it to play-downs on Saturday after a slow start at the Ontario Tankard in Smith Falls this past week.

A 7-4 loss to skip Bryan Cochrane in

playdowns did little to dampen the excitement of Team Walker's skip and Red Hawks alumnus Jake Walker.

"I can't complain about how far we got. We definitely got further than other top rated teams and surprised a few people. But hey, it's my first Tankard and we're a young team," Walker wrote in an email.

Being up by as many as three points against Cochrane was a reminder of the challenge when facing strong teams.

"Playing any of the top teams in

Ontario like [Glenn] Howard, [Mark] Bice, Cochrane, [John] Epping, etc is nerve racking. [To] beat [teams] like [these] takes focus and the ability to play a solid game from start to finish. Being able to put those nerves aside and not allow them to prevent us from performing," he said.

Team Walker is looking at a long-term plan for success.

"We figure that if we got this far on simply playing spels and entering play downs as a first year team, being a multi-year team

with a more planned out training and competition schedule could get us even further than we had set out for ourselves this year," he said.

The Bice rink dethroned perennial curling power Howard for Brier berth.

Howard, who had the hammer, missed in the 10th giving the Bice rink the 6-5 win at the Tankard.

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Organizers looking for buy-in on pond hockey championships

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

After two successful seasons of hosting the Canadian Pond Hockey Championships in Haliburton, John Teljeur, one of the tournament's chief organizers, is hoping to see more buy-in from stakeholders.

Teljeur would like to see the event entrenched in the community, locking it in for a number of years.

During the last two weekends, some 1,200 hockey players on 200 teams made their way to the county to compete on some 30 rinks on Head Lake.

This past weekend's winners were the 2nd Rate Dames in the women's masters division, the Dawgs in the greybeards division and the Relaxos in the masters championship.

Last weekend, local team the Trailer Park Boys won the men's rec division.

"This is potentially a great event that we can do some marketing with," Teljeur said. "We cannot do that without buy-in from the stakeholders."

Some of those stakeholders would include Haliburton County, its lower-tier townships, the Pinestone (where most players stay) and other accommodators, the Haliburton BIA, area service clubs and others.

Teljeur said he's hoping to have a conversation with these various players.

Haliburton County council granted \$10,000 for each of the 2013 and 2014 tournaments, but a number of councillors have said they'd like to see the event become self-

sufficient.

Teljeur believes there is plenty of positive spin-off for the community.

"This weekend we noticed a lot of people brought friends with them," he said. "And there were more people staying as early as Thursday. Every stakeholder that gets benefit from this should be part of this."

Last year, the tournament was registered as a not-for-profit event.

J-Core Marketing, a firm that has promoted the tournament for years (it was held annually in Huntsville before moving to Haliburton), does receive a fee for its services.

"The trade-off is the money that stays here," Teljeur said, using the Haliburton Lions Club, which operated the food and beverage tent, as an example. "The Lions club did well this weekend."

As much as the tournament is about the players, it's about the volunteers, without whom the event would be impossible.

Some 130 volunteers from throughout the county assisted with preparing for and hosting the tournament.

"They were awesome," Teljeur said. "Unbelievable."

Last year, half of the rinks were located on Head Lake, with half located at the pond at the Pinestone.

This year, all the rinks were located on the lake, which Teljeur said worked much better.

"It makes it so much easier to contain," Teljeur said, adding that it also helped the food and beverage tent to earn more money.



Chad Ingram Staff

The Dawgs (in green) from Toronto took on the Rusty Knobs out of Sarnia during the second weekend of the Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships on Feb. 1. The Dawgs went on to win their division on Feb. 2.



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Hockey players gathered for the fifth annual Redstone Lake Pond Hockey Invitational and raised more than \$13,000 for Memory Makers for Alzheimer's on the January 25 weekend. They easily surpassed last year's \$4,045 total when they started to fundraise in the memory of Don de Maio, who died last year of Alzheimer's. The Rando Frickles won the invitational, going undefeated through five games.

Submitted by Pete de Maio



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Redstone hockey players score for Alzheimer's

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

The hockey team Rando Frickles easily won the annual Redstone Lake Pond Hockey Invitational, but the real winner was the Alzheimer Society Research Program and the programs and services delivered in the community that received more than \$13,000.

On the Jan. 25 weekend, there were 27 guys on six teams who played four-on-four hockey on Redstone Lake embracing the Canadian winter and honouring Don de Maio, who died last year to Alzheimer's disease.

Event organizer Pete de Maio, Don's son, was amazed and knows his dad would agree.

"He'd be pretty proud," he said. "He was a hard worker himself so raising bunch of cash for a good cause while doing something we all love - that is playing hockey. He would think that was the bees knees sort of thing."

Don loved the outdoors, hiking and just soaking in the beauty of the Highlands.

Pete attributes the dramatic increase of funds to the competitive nature of his friends, who worked hard to fundraise for an advantage in the draft to choose teams for the invitational.

The top-six fundraisers of the invitational earned the privilege to be captains of the six teams while the combined sum of each of the teams after the first round of the draft determined what order the top picks would be chosen.

"It worked unbelievably," he said.

The society sent congratulations to Pete about the event's success.

The tournament award winners included Most Valuable Player, Ryan Ponesse, Hustler (hardest worker), Scot Dunsmuir and Sniper, Ponesse.

The death of his dad prompted Pete to change the invitational into a fundraiser in honour of Don for the first time last year.

Last year the event raised \$4,045, surpassing its \$3,000 goal.

This group is also football crazy so the invitational is held on the NFL pro bowl weekend.

Pete wasn't sure about next year now that the bar has been set so high.

The one ice pad can only accommodate so many players, he said.

He is considering extending the fundraising period.

This past year there were only four weeks of fundraising.

"It's pretty impressive given the time frame everyone has," he said.

Prior to the event, Don's widow Jean thanked the participants.

"Thank you for your amazing support for this annual event. Don has a front seat from above to watch the fun which will mean so much to the families who are caring for loved ones with Alzheimer's," she wrote in a comment section on the society's blog.

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Girls Storm conquers Lightning at playoffs

The Minden Car Quest Highland Storm Midget B girls started their league playoffs Sunday afternoon in Minden. They hosted the Durham West Lightning in their first round of the Lower Lakes East Midget B division. The Storm took the challenge to Durham West from the beginning face-off generating many scoring chances in the first period, mostly as a result of the numerous penalties the Lightning took. Early in the first period, Sydney Feir wristed home the eventual game-winning goal off a nice feed from Alicia McLean. The Storm continued to have many power play advantages and capitalized with their second goal midway through the second period. Sydney Feir tallied her second of the game to put the Storm ahead 2-0. Connor Marsden made save after save, and along with our defence, shut down the Lightning the rest of the game. The gritty Durham West squad never gave up their attack, trying to break the shutout, but could only get on the score sheet with their penalty-filled effort.

Great first game, Storm girls! Get ready for game two in Pickering Saturday to finish off the series – hoping to avoid Sunday, and a game three.

Submitted by Dan Marsden

Bantam AE team starts play-downs

After a long hiatus, the Bantam AE Highland Storm squad, proudly sponsored by Tom Prentice Trucking, started their play-downs this past weekend by playing a home-and-home against the Huntsville Otters.

Over the season, a disturbing trend had festered against this emerging Huntsville team. After trouncing them early in the season, the games got closer and closer until Huntsville started beating the Storm over the course of the past few games turning the tide completely in the Otter's favour.

Although a little rusty, the Storm dominated the opening minutes of the game, pressuring Huntsville from the first puck drop. Despite many chances, the Storm were unable to capitalize and as the seconds ticked away on the first period it was the Otters that were able to score first.

The Storm continued their relentless pressure and were rewarded when Matt Manning's shot from the point deflected off Zak Shantz's stick and into the back of the net but the momentum shift didn't last for long. Three unanswered goals by Huntsville sealed the game away despite Jon Morrison's beautiful goal top shelf in the dying minutes to make it 4-2.

Despite the score, the Storm felt good about the game and definitely out-shot the Otters on this night. On Sunday, the squad travelled to Huntsville and on the very first shift the puck found its way back to Aiden Garbutt who fired it past the unsuspecting Otter goalie. As has often been the case though, Huntsville came back to even it up on the very next shift. It was a tight-checking affair with both teams trading many chances. Goalie, Ryan Hannah was sharp and had to make many spectacular saves. With three minutes left in regulation, Alex Petrie turned at the side of the net and slide one past the red line to put the Storm up by one. Again, Huntsville proved that they would not lie down easily and came back to tie it up a minute later and take the game to overtime. In the overtime, Alex Petrie stole the puck from the Huntsville defenceman behind the net and passed it out front. Somehow, the puck bounced off several players and slide into the net for the victory. It was

a great game for the Storm. Be sure to come out to Haliburton on Thursday night at 7 p.m. and cheer the Storm on to victory!

Submitted by John Petrie

Bantam A team captures series

The Highland Storm Smolen Dentistry took on Parry Sound on Friday, Jan. 31. The Shamrocks knew that they had to win or else their season was going to end. First period both teams were battling hard but neither team could beat the hot goaltenders. After switching ends the boys realized that the nearly full house at the S.G. Nesbitt Arena were ready to see some action. Forty seconds into the second period Matt Wilbee opened the scoring with assists from Nolan Flood and Jake Bishop. Thirty-six seconds later Kyle Cooper made it 2-0 on a pass from Ethan Keefer. Shamrocks battled hard but were facing elimination as the Storm turned it up late in the second with 3:17 left when Chase Burden scored assisted by Chris Thompson and Ethan Keefer. Then another goal at the 2:02 mark from Nolan Flood from Owen Smitty Smith and Matt Wilbee to end the period 4-0. Storm came out strong three minutes into the third when defencemen Ethan Keefer scored assists from Kyle Cooper and Chase Burden. Then Storms final goal at 6:56 mark from defenceman Jacob Bishop from Matt Wilbee to put them up 6-0 before the Shamrocks were finally able to beat the hot Storm goalie Josh Bellefleur with 3:16 left to end it with a 6-1 victory. Storm wins the series 3-0 and will now face the Ennismore Eagles. Games could start next weekend but schedule is unknown at this time.

Submitted by Craig Smith

End of a strong season for Midget A

The Highlander's Highland Storm Midget A team, though putting up a good fight, has had their season come to an end. After winning the first game against Ennismore, the next would be a loss to the home team in their barn. Game 3 was back in Haliburton and despite a hard fought, game the Storm would come up on the short end of a 5-2 score. Stats for this game were Curtis Ballantyne scoring both goals with assists from Noah Dollo and Devon Upton.

Game 4 was back in Ennismore with a must win for the visiting team. The Storm would go up 2-0 with the home team getting a goal late in the second before intermission. In the third, the Eagles would even it up only to have the Storm go ahead again. The home team would tie the score at three and get the winning goal in the last minute of play in the game. The goals scorers for the game were Nathan Feir, Tyler Barry, and Connor Dollo, assisting were Tyler and Nate.

The parents and players would like to thank our sponsors, The Highlander, and the coaching staff: Jaime Dollo, John Ballantyne, Mark Snell, and Gord Wood for a fun and successful regular season. This team won the Brian English tourney in Elmvale for the second straight year and finished the regular season in first place. Good luck to the rest of the Storm teams!

Submitted by Wendy Sisson

Peewee A shuts down Parry Sound

The Dollo's Highland Storm Peewee A team defeated Parry

Sound in Minden on Saturday and again in Parry Sound on Sunday advancing to the next playoff round which will start against Gananoque next weekend. The game in Minden started evenly in the first period with no score until finally Parry Sound scored a short-handed goal early in the second period when the Storm team got caught deep in the Parry Sound end and had to scramble on a one-on-one Parry Sound play. This, however, was soon followed by a Highland Storm power play goal by Nick Dollo after Parry Sound took their second penalty of the period. Tied 1-1 going into the third period Highland Storm dominated the rest of the game with Lucas Haedicke scoring the game winner early in the period on a rebound with assists by Dollo and Sean Walker.

In Game 2 in Parry Sound the Storm team started off strong and had good puck possession but ended the period down a goal when Parry Sound managed to deke the defence to put a shot in from the slot. The Highland Storm tied the game in the second period when Nick Dollo scored on a shot from the slot assisted by Lucas Haedicke and Sean Walker. Dollo scored again late in the period after he deked the Parry Sound defence a put in a shot again from close in. With the Storm team up 2-1 going into the third period, the Parry Sound team fought back as their coaching staff in desperation donned their lucky green top hats and their team scored twice late in the period. Down 3-2 it looked like Parry Sound might win it but Ryan Hall fired a hard long shot for the top glove side corner of the net with 2:02 left to play. It was a shot that might have been stopped if seen but Owen Gilbert set up a perfect screen in front of the goalie and ducked at the last second and somehow deflected the puck into the net. The two teams went into overtime tied 3-3 but Parry Sound needed a win to prevent the Storm from getting a point for a tie that would win them the series. While the Storm was stronger in the overtime period missing a number of chances for a goal, goalie Carson Sisson had to make a couple of major stops. Parry Sound removed their goaltender in the final minute to play the extra skater but the Storm defence shut them down with Sean Walker finally banking a shot off the boards that ended up in the empty Parry Sound net with 5.1 seconds left to win the game 4-3.

Submitted by Larry Bukta

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Todd's Independent hosts bonspiel

Above, bagpiper Fraser MacDonald piped in curlers during the annual bonspiel sponsored by Todd's Independent at the Haliburton Curling Club on Feb. 1.

Left, players in the Todd's Independent bonspiel at the Haliburton Curling Club on Feb. 1.

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Youth retreat held at Medeba

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Sylvia Claridge reports that Medeba hosted the retreat held on Jan. 31 to Feb. 2 for 36 young people and 10 adults. Young and older alike had gathered on Jan. 24 at Haliburton United Church in response to the plea for funding this Winter Youth Retreat. One hundred people were present for the delicious meal made and served by interested adults and by young people themselves. Two sponsors have offered to pick up the tab should any funds be lacking. Thanks to all in the community who supported this worthy venture. Special thanks to the Rev. Harry Morgan for his initiative. One of the retreat leaders was the Rev. Christopher Greaves, now of Bowmanville.

Colleen Davison is now a resident at Extendicare.

Ken Stevens, a resident at Extendicare for several years, died during the past week. In tribute to his being a veteran of WW2 and of his contribution to the Halibuton Legion, flags were flown at half mast. Ken leaves his daughter Bonnie Thornton and his son, Gordon. Funeral services, Masonic and general, were held on Monday, Feb. 3 at Monk's Funeral Home. Friends and family were welcomed to a reception held there following the service.

Tuesday night Euchre scores: High - Kathie Freeman and Ed Muenzel. Low - Alice Jones and Henk van Nood. Most lone hands - Kay Morrison and Peter Laplante.

George and Shireen Cooper made a brief visit here prior to their move to Truro, N.S. Their son, Luke and three friends spent the past weekend at what is now referred to as "the cottage," formerly owned by Blanche Linton.

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Willie wouldn't have seen his shadow in Wilberforce

Wilberforce

Hilda Clark

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The snow keeps piling up along with the heating and plowing bills. Too bad Wiarton Willie didn't live in Wilberforce. If we do have a relative of Willie dwelling in these parts it definitely would not have seen its shadow here on Feb. 2.

It must have been a challenge on Head Lake on Saturday trying to keep the ice surface clear for the Pond Hockey games. Looked like a fantastic setup even during a noon break from play.

Wonder how much spin-off there is in the village from that event. I certainly had no trouble finding a place for

lunch while there for an appointment on Saturday.

Looks as if a new version of the loonie lunch will soon be back. On Thursday, Feb. 20 at St. Margaret's Church a toonie lunch will be served. There will be a choice between a vegetable soup and one with meat in it. Cake will be served for dessert along with tea and coffee. Sounds like a warm deal for two bucks. See you there.

A longtime resident of Highland Grove, Kenneth Andrews died Sunday, Jan. 26 at the Hastings Centennial Manor in Bancroft. Son of the late William and Eva Andrews, Ken was 87 years of age.

Condolences are extended to sisters Nadeen (Ken) Sanderson, Evelyn (late Harold) Lewis, Myrtle (late Stanley) MacIlroy, and brother Allan (Linda). He was predeceased by sister Audrey (Bill) McDowell and Frank (Roberta) Andrews.

Friends were received at the Harcourt Community Chapel on Thursday, Jan. 30, followed by a funeral service led by Charles Hughes.

The Loop Troupe has been joined by members of the Library Launchers committee to present a program entitled *Not Just Desserts*. It will be staged at the LWMC on the evenings of April 25 and 26. That's the weekend after Easter. It is later than originally planned. Finding dates that the performers were available and ones that did not conflict with other local events was a challenge. In any case it gives plenty of time for rehearsals and the weather may be more pleasant at that time. This will be a fundraiser for furnishings for the new Wilberforce library branch and will include dessert.

The Women's Valentine Bonspiel is scheduled at the Wilberforce rink this coming weekend. Always a fun time.



Sundowners to perform

This Friday evening, the Haliburton County Folk Society is presenting An Evening with Corin Raymond at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. In addition to his acclaimed one-man fringe festival show, *Bookworm*, Raymond will perform songs from his latest project, *Paper Nickels*, with his all star band, the Sundowners. *Paper Nickels* is his Canadian Tire money funded, 144 page "Coffee Table CD" that showcases songs from 16 of Canada's finest contemporary songwriters. More information at haliburtonfolk.com. Tickets can be purchased online at madeinhaliburton.ca. This promises to be a great evening. /Submitted

Winners' photos from Todd's Independent bonspiel will appear in next week's Echo.

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Upcoming Events

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NOTICE OF COMPLETE APPLICATION AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING PROPOSED OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT

PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

DATE: Monday March 3rd, 2014

TIME: 5:00 pm

LOCATION: Council Chambers in the Municipal Office, 135 Maple Ave., Haliburton, Ontario

APPLICATIONS:

1. Lands of Barry: Application to Amend the Zoning By-law

- Purpose and Effect: the proposed by-law will change the zone on the subject lands to permit the proposed rural residential use and implement a 120 metre setback from the adjacent wetland.
 - Zone change from "RU1" to "RR-x"
- This application is a condition of application for consent H-053/13.
- Location: Part Lot 4, Concession 3, in the geographic Township of Guilford (Irish Line Road).

2. Lands of Carino and Lally: Application to Amend the Zoning By-law

- Purpose and Effect: the proposed by-law will change the zone on the subject lands to permit the proposed rural residential use and implement a 1 hectare lot area requirement.
 - Zone change from "RU3" to "RR-xx"
- This application is a condition of applications for consent H-066/12 to H-070/12 inclusive.
- Location: Part Lot 24, Concession 11, in the geographic Township of Harcourt (Elephant Lake Road near the intersection with Christine Road).

3. Lands of Patterson: Application to Amend the Zoning By-law

- Purpose and Effect: the proposed by-law will change the zone on the subject lands to permit the operation of a micro-brewery.
 - Zone change from "RU1" to "CH-xx".

- Location: Part Lot 3, Concession 4, in the geographic Township of Guilford, (Highway 118 at Garden Gate Drive).

4. Lands of Quinn: Application to Amend the Zoning By-law

- Purpose and Effect: the proposed by-law will change the zone on the subject lands to recognize the existing waterfront residential use. Site special zone provisions are included to recognize the dimensions of the existing lot and the location of the existing building.
 - Zone change from "CT" to "WR2-xx".

- Location: Part Lot 3, Concession 5, in the geographic Township of Guilford, (Green Lake Road).

5. Lands of Mason, Sanayei and 1725629 Ontario Inc.:

- Purpose and Effect:
 - (i) Application to amend the Official Plan: the proposed amendment will add a special policy overlay, Special Area SSSP-6. Special Area SSP-6 will permit the proponent, Armatec Survivability, ARES, to develop the subject lands for a testing and research area for survivability and protection system prototypes (military grade armoured vehicles).
 - (ii) Application to amend the Zoning By-law: the proposed by-law will change the zone on the subject lands as follows:
 - Area 1: Rural Type 1-a: this is a 1 hectare (2.5 acre) parcel of land zoned to

accommodate the proposed administration centre, including the office, workshop, and parking area.

- Area 2: Rural Type 1-b: this is a 0.4 hectare (1 acre) parcel of land zoned to accommodate the proposed regulated storage area.
- Area 3: Rural Type 1-c: this is a 4 hectare (10 acre) parcel of land zoned to accommodate the proposed primary research and testing area.
- Area 4: Rural Type 1-d: this is a 14 hectare (34.5 acres) parcel of land zoned to accommodate the vehicle mobility testing area.
- The Environmental Protection zone (EP) is further defined to protect the existing wetlands.
- Remainder of the property: Open Space Exception-xx: the remaining lands will be zoned to exclude all buildings, structures and testing facilities.
- Location: Part Lots 27, 28 and 29, Concession 8, Part of Lot 27 and all of Lots 28 through 33, in Concessions 9 and 10, all of Lots 27 to 33 in Concession 11 and Part of Lots 32 and 33 in Concession 12, Geographic Township of Harcourt (Elephant Lake Road - north-east corner of the Township of Harcourt).

ANY PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY may attend the Public Meeting and/or make written or verbal representations either in support of or in opposition to the proposed official plan amendment or the proposed by-law amendment.

IF YOU WISH TO BE NOTIFIED of the adoption of the proposed official plan amendment, or of the refusal of a request to amend the official plan, you must make a written request to the Municipality of Dysart et al, P.O. Box 389, Haliburton, Ontario K0M 1S0.

APPEAL PROVISIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE PROPOSED OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT:

- If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Municipality of Dysart et al before the proposed official plan amendment is adopted, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the County of Haliburton (who are the approval authority) to the Ontario Municipal Board.
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APPEAL PROVISIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT:

- If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Municipality of Dysart et al before the proposed zoning by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Municipality of Dysart et al to the Ontario Municipal Board.
- If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Municipality of Dysart et al before the proposed zoning by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION relating to the proposed official plan amendment and the proposed zoning by-law amendment is available for review by appointment at the Planning Department at the Dysart Municipal Office during regular office hours (8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M., Monday to Friday).

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Quality Assurance Course for Health Canada's COMMERCIAL MARIJUANA PROGRAM. February 22 & 23 Best Western Hotel, Kelowna, BC. Tickets: www.greenlineacademy.com or 1-855-860-8611 or 250-870-1882.

IN MEMORIUM

McNeil, Merreit Sr.

In loving memory of a dear dad who passed away on February 13, 1998.

I think of you with love today.
But that is nothing new.
I thought about you yesterday,
And the day before that too.
Never more than a thought away,
Quietly remembered every day.
Always loved, missed, remembered
Each passing day and year.

Your daughter,
Wanda-Lee McNeil

McNeil, Merreit, Sr.

*In loving memory
of dear husband
February 13, 1998*

*To me you were so special.
What more is there to say.
I only wish within
my heart,
That you were here today.
Loved and missed
your wife,
Mary McNeil*

*In loving memory of my son
Isaacson - Robert, Kevin
(Jan. 9, 1962 ~ Jan. 29, 2013)*

*Of all the special gifts in life,
However great or small,
To have you as my son,
Was the greatest gift of all.
A special time, a special face,
A special son, I can't replace.
With aching heart,
I whisper low,
I miss you son and love you so.
Love Mom & Family*

In memory of **Rowatt Jones**,
Dear husband, Father and Grandfather
who passed away Feb 5th 2013

Nothing can ever take away, the love a heart
holds dear. Fond memories linger everyday.
Remembrance keeps him near. Still missed,
still loved, forever in our hearts.

Vera, Shelley, Rick, and families

*In memory of **Hartin, William**
When days are sad and lonely and everything
goes wrong, we seem to hear you whisper
"cheer up and carry on."
~ Wife Donna, children, grandchildren,
and great grandchildren*

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OBITUARIES

*In Loving Memory of **Bert Main***

Passed away peacefully at the Peterborough Regional Health Centre on Wednesday, January 22, 2014 with his family at his side. In his 82nd year.

Beloved husband of Gwen. Dear father of Lyndell and her husband Lon Oldfield, Steven, Judy and her husband Larry Barchuk, Helen and her husband Jeff Feldberg, and Bob. Loving Grandpa to Alison (Justin), Erica, Kayla (Kevin), Erin, Brandon, Camille, Lainey, Farron, Edward and Great Grandpa to Raine. Dear brother of Cyril, Alice, Mary and predeceased by June, John, Charlie and Maizie. Fondly remembered by his many nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Road, P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 on Wednesday, January 29, 2014 from 1:00 pm until the time of the Service to Celebrate Bert's Life at 2:00 pm. Reception to follow in the Monk-Cray Family Centre at the funeral home. Cremation has taken place.

Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) or the Charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.

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Kenneth Bruce Stevens

Passed away peacefully at Extendicare Nursing Home, Haliburton on Thursday, January 30, 2014 in his 88th year.

Beloved husband of the late Doreen (2004) and the late Isabel (1977). Dear father of Gordon Stevens, Bonnie (Robert) Thornton, dear step-father of Elwood (Janet) Morrison, Evelyn Stevenson, Bernice (Colin) Taylor. Loving grandfather of Jason, Tiffany "Giggles" (Barry), Kenneth "Kenny-Jim", Madeline, Sheila, Crystal and great grandfather to Ashton and Emma. Brother of the late Marlene. Fondly remembered by his family and friends.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden on Monday, February 3, 2014 from 11:00 am until the time of the combined Royal Canadian Legion Service (Branch #129) and the North Entrance Lodge Masonic Funeral Service at 1:00 pm. Spring Interment at St. Peter's Anglican Church Cemetery, Maple Lake.

Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) or to the Extendicare Proud Pioneers would be appreciated by the family.

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Gertrude Mary Ripley

passed away peacefully on Jan 7, 2014 at Fairmount Home near Kingston. Predeceased by husband Eugene 'Rip' Ripley. Mother to Jeanne Stoness (Rae) Karen Mader (Dennis) Joyce Partridge (Glenn) Doug Ripley (Sue) Mary Ellen (Al) predeceased by Roberta, Clifford & Brenda. Grandmother to Ben & Cheryl Ripley and Amy & Chris Petrow.

We remember sparkling blue eyes, a passion to win at cards, her gardens, her laugh and a trail of quilts that warm the hearts of her family.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Memorial donations to: www.frontenaccounty.ca/en/fairmounthome.donatenow.asp

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GREAT GENERAL BUT IN
REAL ESTATE A GRANT IS A
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